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1. The East German government, at the insistence of the SED, is attempting to put into effect a plan to eliminate private veterinary practice in the DDR and to establish a State-controlled veterinary service comparable to that of the USSR. The plan provides for the establishment of five or six veterinary stations (staatliche Tier-Praxis) in each Kreis. Each station will have three graduate veterinarians (one director and two assistants) as well as the necessary number of "veterinary helpers", and will include a polyclinic, surgical section, pharmacy and diagnostic laboratory. In addition to these stations, each Kreis will have one animal hospital. The animal hospitals will be modeled after those in the USSR.
2. Formulation of the plan was completed in the Ministry for Agriculture and Forestry and officially approved on 2 June 1954. The plan has not yet been put into effect because of the violent opposition of the East German veterinary profession. The Ministry for Agriculture and Forestry has been unable to find a veterinarian who will agree to become director of the first State veterinary station. The salary offered for this position is 1,400 DME per month as opposed to 15,000 DME per month which many private practitioners are earning currently.
3. During 1954, the East German Ministry for Agriculture and Forestry engaged the services of a number of "veterinary helpers" for use in the compulsory country-wide foot and mouth disease immunization program as a means of cutting down the earnings of the private practitioners and getting the plan started. Four Kreise were officially exempted from the immunization: Parchim in Schwerin District and three others in Altmark District. These Kreise were exempted because they were the source of supply for cattle used in foot and mouth disease virus production for the manufacture of vaccine. The immunization plan for the remaining Kreise backfired because the "helpers" falsified vaccination reports and received payment for services rendered without having vaccinated many of the cattle. However, in spite of the opposition to the plan, means and methods will probably be designed to force

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the veterinary profession to accept the idea^{2/}.

1. [REDACTED] Comment. The DDR has approximately 196 Kreise and the number and size of stations in each Kreis will depend on the livestock population of the individual Kreis. 25X1
2. [REDACTED] Comment. Rumors indicate that failure to put this plan into effect during 1954-55 was one of the reasons for the recent dismissal of Prof. Theile (fnu) and Dr. Thamm (fnu) from their posts in the Ministry for Agriculture and Forestry. The onus for furthering the plan is now on Prof. Lothar Hassel, Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Forestry, and on Dr. Reinhard (fnu), Chief of Veterinary Affairs. 25X1

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